



PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Burgin and Stewart)
Serial No: 09/882,274)
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For: USE OF)
PHOSPHOROTHIOLATE)
POLYNUCLEOTIDES IN)
LIGATING NUCLEIC ACIDS)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed
January 29, 2003, entry of the following amendments and remarks
is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 17-56.

Please amend claims 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 14 and 16 as shown
below.

The current status of all claims pending in the present
application is shown below. Currently amended claims are
presented with markings to indicate the changes made relative to
the immediate prior version by underlining of added text and
strikethrough of deleted text.